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In re the Application of

Yutaka YAMAGATA et al.

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For: DEVICE FOR MANUFACTURING MICROARRAYS

**LARGE ENTITY PETITION FOR 1st - 3rd EXTENSION
OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) AND
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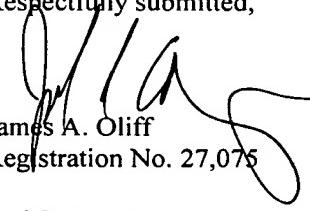
Sir:

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